

**ACTON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES DEPARTMENT**

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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**To:** Don P. Johnson, Town Manager **Date:** 7/13/05  
**From:** Dean A. Charter, Municipal Properties Director (D.A.C.)  
**Subject:** Street light requests

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Attached are two requests for street lights, both of which I feel satisfy the Street Light Policy and both of which I feel is justified for safety reasons:

1. Request for a streetlight at Massachusetts Avenue near Charter Road. This has been endorsed by the Safety Officer and the Superintendent of Schools.
2. Request for a streetlight at School Street near Sandy Drive. This has been requested by a neighbor, and is endorsed by the Safety Officer.

If these locations are approved this month, I feel we may be able to get the lights installed as early as the first day of school in the fall.

Attach.

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**To:** Don P. Johnson, Town Manager **Date:** 12/15/04  
**From:** Dean A. Charter, Municipal Properties Director  
**Subject:** Street Light Request, Mass. Ave. at Charter Road

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Attached please find an incident report from Detective Robert Cowan, APD, requesting the installation of a new streetlight on Massachusetts Avenue over the new crosswalk, near Charter Road. There is no streetlight at present above this relocated crosswalk, and the situation appears to be hazardous considering the vast number of students who cross the street in this location. If approved, I would have LELD install a 175 watt Metal Halide (white) light on a nine foot standard, so as to properly illuminate this area. The cost of installation would be around \$350, plus yearly maintenance and electric cost of around \$60.00.

I strongly endorse the concept of installing a light in this location. In order to move the process ahead, I am forwarding this message to the Police Chief, Fire Chief, DPW Director, and the Superintendent of Schools. This last individual is not normally asked to comment on these sorts of requests, but since it impacts directly on student safety, he might have some comments as well.

Cc:  
Police Chief  
Fire Chief  
DPW Director  
Supt. of Schools

**Acton Police Department**

December 8, 2004

**Incident Report**

Wednesday 14:01

**Single Incident**

INCIDENT LOCAL # PRIORITY ACC REP	ACTIVITY ADDRESS (JURISDICTION) DISPOSITION	OFFICER(S)	RECEIVED DISPATCHED ARRIVED CLEARED	DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR NATURE INCIDENT TYPE
I0419360 9 No No	DETECTIVE'S LOG ITEM MASSACHUSETTS AV Cross: CHARTER ACTON, MA, 01720 (01) ASSISTED PARTY	COWAN	12/08/2004, 12:37 12/08/2004, 12:37 12/08/2004, 12:37 12/08/2004, 12:37	JOACHIM LAWTON CROSSWALK TRAFFIC HAZARD CT: JOACHIM

Reported as: TRAFFIC HAZARD      Found as: TRAFFIC HAZARD  
Domestic Abuse: No

Dispatcher Remarks:

13RC RPTS STREET LIGHT FOR CROSSWALK AT THE ABOVE. SEE RPT.

REPORTER COWAN, ROBERT      License: None  
365 MAIN ST  
M0404393 ACTON MA 01720  
Phone: 978-263-2911      DOB: None Recorded  
Commnt: STREET LIGHT REQUEST

**COPY**

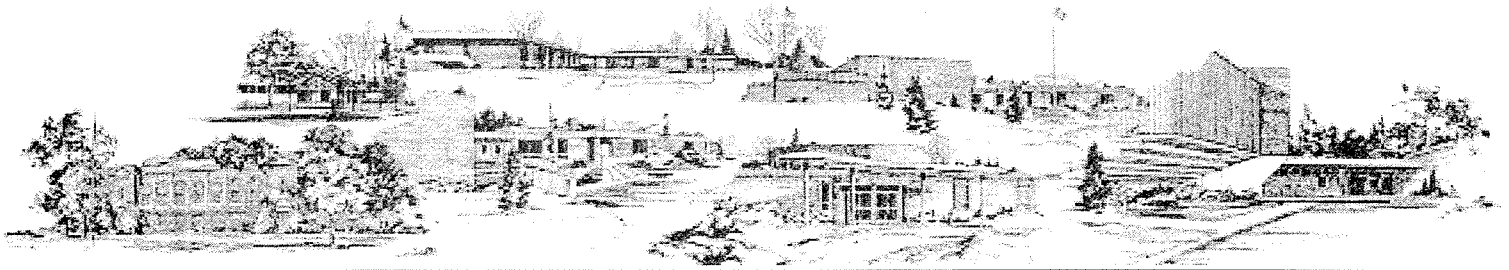
REPORTER CHARTER, DEAN      License: None  
(Male) 472 MAIN ST  
M0200474 ACTON MA 01720  
Phone: 978-264-9629      Race: WHI      DOB: None Recorded  
Commnt: STREET LIGHT REQUEST

Narrative(s):

Narr. 1: DET. ROBERT COWAN      Division: None      Status: Open      [I0419360]  
Title: CROSSWALK STREET LGT      Entered: DET. ROBERT COWAN  
Reviewed: No officer

THIS REPORT IS IN REGARDS TO THE LACK OF STREET LIGHTING AT THE CROSSWALK ON MASS. AVE., NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO K MART PARKING LOT. THE ISSUE WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY THE NIGHT POLICE PATROLS. THE CROSSWALK WAS RECENTLY MOVED AT THE REQUEST OF MASS. HIGHWAY, TO IT'S CURRENT LOCATION. THE NEW LOCATION DOES NOT OFFER ANY STREET LIGHTING FOR THE PEDESTRIAN. THE CLOSEST STREET LIGHTING IS APPROXIMATELY 162' EAST OF THE CROSSWALK, AND 182' WEST BOUND. THERE IS A SUFFICIENT VOLUME OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC THAT UTILIZE THIS CROSSWALK IN THE LATE AFTERNOON HOURS, AND IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. THE MOTORIST ARE NOT STOPPING FOR THE PEDESTRIANS, POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE THEM. I RECOMMEND THAT A STREET LIGHT SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON POLE 75. THE INSTALLATION OF A STREET LIGHT, WOULD MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR A PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT.

DETECTIVE ROBERT L. COWAN JR.



ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ❖ ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

16 Charter Road Acton, MA 01720-2995 Phone: 978-264-4700 Fax: 978-263-8409 Email: bryan@mail.ab.mec.edu

William L. Ryan  
Superintendent of Schools

December 16, 2004

DEAN -  
WHAT ?

Don P. Johnson  
Town Manager  
Acton Town Hall  
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Don:

I am in receipt of the memo dated 12/15/04 from Dean Charter regarding the new street light request at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Charter Road.

I am certainly in support of keeping our students and citizens safe, and this is a heavily traveled area by vehicles and pedestrians moving on and off the school campus. Since the main entrance to the high school is now off Charter Road, that intersection is used more than ever.

I am definitely in favor of the street light request as proposed. Thanks for letting me know of the proposal, and please let me know if and when the project will be scheduled.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William L. Ryan

c: George Frost  
JD Head

**Acton Police Department  
Incident Report**

July 13, 2005

Wednesday 07:47

**Single Incident**

INCIDENT LOCAL # PRIORITY ACC REP	ACTIVITY ADDRESS (JURISDICTION) DISPOSITION	OFFICER(S)	RECEIVED DISPATCHED ARRIVED CLEARED	DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR NATURE INCIDENT TYPE
I0510501	CALL FOR SERVICE	COWAN	07/13/2005, 07:20	CONNORS
	SCHOOL ST		07/13/2005, 07:21	LAWTON
9	Cross: ROUTE 2 @342		07/13/2005, 07:21	STREET LIGHTS
No No	RIVER ST @34		07/13/2005, 07:21	TRAFFIC HAZARD
	ACTON, MA, 01720 (01)			CT: CONNORS
	REPORT			
<p>Reported as: <b>TRAFFIC HAZARD</b>      Found as: <b>TRAFFIC HAZARD</b></p> <p>Domestic Abuse: <b>No</b></p> <p>Dispatcher Remarks:  <b>SEE SAFETY OFFICER RPT RE: STREET LIGHTS ON SCHOOL STREET.</b></p>				
OTHER	DISTASIO, ELIZABETH		License: <b>None</b>	
(Female)	211 SCHOOL ST Apt: RIGHT			
M0401532	ACTON MA 01720		DOB: <b>None Recorded</b>	
	Phone: 978-263-5251			
	Commnt: <b>REQUESTS ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT</b>			
<p>Narrative(s):</p> <p>Narr. 1: <b>DET. ROBERT COWAN</b>      Division: <b>None</b>      Status: <b>Open</b>      [I0510501]  Title: <b>STREET LIGHTS REPORT</b>      Entered: <b>DET. ROBERT COWAN</b>  Reviewed: <b>No officer</b></p> <p>THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION IS IN REGARDS TO A STREET LIGHT REQUEST FROM MS. LIZ DISTASIO OF 211 SCHOOL ST. MS. DISTASIO HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THERE IS A SECTION OF SCHOOL ST., THAT IS NOT ADEQUATELY ILLUMINATED. THE SECTION OF SCHOOL ST. IN QUESTION, IS BETWEEN NUMBER 201 AND 219. THIS SECTION OF SCHOOL ST. IS TWO TO THREE TENTHS OF A MILE OF STRAIGHT ROAD. THE POSTED SPEED IS 30 MPH, AND THERE IS A CROSSWALK AT THE INTERSECTION WITH SANDY DR. I HAVE OBSERVED MANY CHILDREN AT PLAY ALONG THIS STRETCH OF ROAD. MS. DISTASIO'S CONCERN APPEARS TO BE VALID. THERE IS A NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT.</p> <p align="center">DETECTIVE ROBERT L. COWAN JR.</p>				

*Untitled*

*JULY 7, 2005*

*DEAR MR. CHARTER,*

*AS PER OUR CONVERSATION TODAY, I AM SENDING A LETTER  
TO REQUEST THAT A STREET LIGHT BE INSTALLED BETWEEN  
SANDY DRIVE AND 211 SCHOOL STREET. Pole # 62*

*I AM VERY CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN  
CROSSING THE STREET ESPECIALLY IN THE EVENING. THERE  
ARE 10-12 CHILDREN BETWEEN 209-215 SCHOOL STREET.*

*AS YOU ARE AWARE THIS IS A VERY BUSY STREET AND  
MOTORCYCLES THINK THIS IS RT.2 . ALSO I AM REQUESTING A  
SIGN BE PLACED WITHIN THIS AREA SAYING "CHILDREN" .*

*THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.*

*SINCERELY,  
LIZ DISTASIO  
211 SCHOOL STREET  
ACTON,MA. 01720  
978-263-5251*